

I have been an amateur radio operator for over 25 years. The BPL proposal has many radio amateurs, including myself, quite concerned whether the FCC will protect existing users from harmful interference. The original reason for the formation of the FCC and its predecessor agency was specifically to prevent harmful interference.

Amateur operators are licensed operators who have spent time, effort, and resources to acquire the knowledge necessary to use our frequency allocations intelligently. European test of BPL are quite clear in showing that we would suffer irreparable interference if BPL becomes a reality.

Radio amateurs tend to operate at very low power (I use only 5 watts PEP - QRP) myself. These QRP operators are at the mercy of strong interference; we are unable to "hear" anything if local interference is anything but nonexistent. I strongly urge the Commission to deny the use of BPL in the United States on the basis that the interference costs are too great a price to pay for the implied benefits.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.